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In the Application of: John E. Sims and Dirk E. Smith

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For: Human IL-1 epsilon DNA and Polypeptides

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Sir:

In response to an Office Action having a mailing date February 6, 2003, Applicants request that the claims be amended as described, and reconsidered. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is included herewith along with the fees necessary therefor.

- **Amendment to the Specification:** none.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.
- **Conclusion** begins on page 9 of this paper.

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